

## ABE ATTELL LOSES TITLE TO KILBANE

Featherweight Champion Decisively Outfought in Twenty-Round Contest.

MADE TO LOOK LIKE NOVICE

Battle in Los Angeles Is Witnessed by Nearly Ten Thousand Persons.

Los Angeles, Cal., February 22.—The new pugilistic champion was made in the Vernon Arena to-day when Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, Ohio, decisively outfought, outgamed and outpunched Abe Attell in a twenty-round contest, and at the close was awarded the featherweight title by referee Charles Eytan.

Nearly 10,000 persons saw the fight. Fully 5,000 others were turned away at the gates. It was the greatest crowd that ever witnessed a prize fight in Los Angeles. Receipts amounted to approximately \$25,000. The men fought for a purse of \$10,000, of which Attell was to receive \$5,000 win, lose or draw, and Kilbane, \$5,000.

Besides they agreed to divide evenly 50 per cent of the moving picture privilege. Attell was clearly outfought. His boasted speed and wonderful cleverness were not in evidence. Kilbane made him look like a novice in nearly every round. Only in one round, the seventh, did Attell have a lead, and that was not by any means as decisive as that of Kilbane in the remaining rounds.

Attell brought the wrath of the big crowd upon his head by foul tactics. Time and again he would hold Kilbane's arms in a clinch and once in the eighth, he grabbed Kilbane's left arm with both hands and tried to bend it back. In the third he "feeling" the Cleveland boy while in a clinch and in nearly every succeeding round his work called forth hisses from the spectators.

In the seventh, when after rushing into a clinch to avoid Kilbane's tattoo of his face, and body, Attell butted the Cleveland boy with his head opening a great gash over Kilbane's left eye from which blood spurted profusely. At the beginning of the sixteenth round, referee Eytan stopped the fight, grabbed a towel and thoroughly wiped off Attell's body. It was seen to be covered with some greasy substance. Attell protested, but the referee paid no attention to him.

Kilbane's work was a revelation even to his friends. Entering the ring with the odds 10 to 4 against him, he never faltered for an instant. He fought fast and showed clever work, both with his hands and feet. A straight left jab to Attell's nose or sore left eye was his favorite blow. He would send this in and then like a flash cross with his right to the other side of Attell's head and jump back out of harm's way. Attell seemed wild throughout the fight, but this was due as much to Kilbane's footwork as to any other cause.

Time and again the bewildered Attell tried in vain to corner the Cleveland man.

The decision of Referee Eytan was received with cheers, and Kilbane was carried from the building on the shoulders of his friends. "I want to telephone to Mary," he said, meaning Mrs. Kilbane. Attell tried, his face drawn and bleeding, left the ring all alone. As he reached the edge of the platform he said to a friend: "Well, I had to stand for it; I could not do any better."

**PAPKE MAKES POOR SHOWING.**  
Frank Mantell Gets Well-Earned Twenty-Round Decision.  
Sacramento, Cal., February 22.—Whatever claim Billy Papke, of Illinois, may have had to the middle-

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weight championship of the world is now the undisputed property of Frank Mantell, of Pawtucket, R. I.

Mantell so well earned a twenty-round decision over Papke this afternoon that even Tom Jones, Papke's manager, was discouraged, and announced that he would have nothing more to do with the Illinois boy.

Mantell did not fight brilliantly, but he had the better of the fighting throughout. What little open work was done was fairly divided. Papke did not have his old ring generalship, and time after time Mantell had him backing away and leaning against the ropes. Less than a dozen of Papke's vicious swings hit the mark. Only two rounds belonged to him; in the eighth the honors were even, and the others were Mantell's. Neither man had sufficient strength behind his blows to land a knockout.

### KLAUS WINS DECISION.

Sailor Ed. Petroskey Takes Terrible Drubbing in Fight.

San Francisco, Cal., February 22.—Sailor Ed. Petroskey, aspirant for middleweight honors, took a terrific drubbing to-day at the hands of Frank Klaus, a Pittsburgh claimant of the championship. Klaus won the decision, with nearly every round to his credit.

Petroskey, with the odds 20 to 1 against him, received two punches for every one he landed, but the twentieth round found him still ready to exchange blows, and was cheered repeatedly for his gameness. Klaus had all the better of the fighting, and belabored Petroskey's ribs and hammered his face until it was puffed and bleeding. Petroskey held his own in exchanges at long range, and shook his man with right crosses and uppercuts, but never stopped Klaus from boring into a clinch.

### FIGHT WITHOUT RESULT.

Matt Baldwin and Knockout Brown in Ten-Round Battle.

Chicago, February 22.—Matt Baldwin, of Boston, and Knockout Brown fought ten rounds here to-night, neither man having declared the best of it. The Boston lightweight landed at least ten right hooks upon Brown's chin, but they lacked sufficient force to down him. Brown's lip was cut in the fourth by a hard right swing that almost sent him to the floor. In the eighth Baldwin resorted to long range fighting, and landed five times in succession without a return. Brown showered Baldwin with right and left swings in the ninth, and made a whirlwind attack in the tenth round while Brown was weak.

### ABLE TO CARE FOR ALL

Baltimore Expects No Trouble in Housing Its Visitors.

Baltimore, Md., February 22.—In a statement issued to-day the local accommodation committee announces that 20,000 visitors to the Democratic National Convention here next June can be cared for in addition to those who already have made reservations at the big hotels.

## PRESIDENT TAFT GUEST OF MASONS

Places Handsome Memorial Wreath on Washington's Tomb.

RECEPTION IN ALEXANDRIA

Attends Special Service Held in Historic Christ Episcopal Church.

Alexandria, Va., February 22.—President Taft this afternoon was made an honorary member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association upon his arrival here at 2:30 o'clock, when he was tendered a reception by the members of that association, which concluded its second annual session this afternoon.

Occupying the chair used by George Washington when he was master of the lodge, the President in a short address thanked the association for the honor conferred on him, and said it gave him pleasure to receive the honor from James M. Lamberton, senior grand master of Pennsylvania, under whose guidance he served four years at Yale and from whom he had since received his lessons in Masonry.

Immediately after the President, accompanied by a delegation of officers of the local lodge, members of the association and a number of Congressmen and Senators left for Mount Vernon, where the President placed a handsome memorial wreath on Washington's tomb, this is being an annual custom of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons.

The President left Washington at 2 o'clock on the palace car, Mount Vernon, accompanied by Captain Archibald Butt, his military aid. Others in the party were: Representative C. C. Carlin, Senators Martin and Swanson; Representative William B. McKinley, Mayor E. J. Paff, F. H. Treat, Mr. Howe, Representative James W. Collier, Mississippi; J. H. Hunter, L. H. Lee, E. B. Ashley, James R. Johnson, W. L. Andrews, grand master of Masons of Virginia; E. H. Kemper, worshipful master, of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons; Samuel W. Pitts, senior warden of the local lodge, and C. B. Swan, junior warden of the local lodge.

President Taft upon his return from Mount Vernon attended special services, which were held for his benefit and for the other distinguished guests, in historic Christ Episcopal Church, where George Washington worshipped and was a vestryman. The services were brief and were conducted by Rev. W. J. Morton, rector and chaplain of the Memorial Association.

The celebration on the part of the Masons was concluded to-night with a banquet which was served at Armory Hall, it being the annual banquet of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons. It was attended by 500 Masons, including a number of distinguished guests from out of the city. The hall was prettily decorated with flags, bunting and palms and ferns. E. H. Kemper, worshipful master of the lodge, presided and toasts were responded to by the following: W. L. Andrews, grand master of Masons in Virginia; Representative C. C. Carlin, the city; Senators Claude A. Swanson and Thomas S. Martin, Virginia; George M. Napier, grand master, Georgia, and Rev. C. D. Bulla, Nashville, Tenn.

The second annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association came to a close early this afternoon with the reading of reports by the various committees. The reports outlined the business of the association during the year. Several additional delegates arrived to-day, making a total of thirty-two that attended the convention. Officers for the association will not be chosen until next year, as they are elected every other year.

The George Washington Birthday Association to-day placed a handsome memorial wreath on Washington's tomb. The wreath was conveyed to Mount Vernon by a committee of officers of the association, who traveled on the palace car Mount Vernon.

## SECTION SWEEP BY SEVERE GALE

Considerable Damage in Petersburg—House Partially Wrecked.

FUNERAL OF GEO. S. BERNARD

Citizens Will Consider Question of Erection of Y. M. C. A. Building.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 6 Bollingbrook Street, Telephone 135, Petersburg, Va., February 22.

The severe gale which for several hours last night swept over this section caused considerable damage in a small way in this city. Trees were blown down or limbs torn off; fences were blown down, and in the business district signs were torn from their fastenings and showcases were damaged. A tombstone in the old section of Blandford Cemetery was toppled over.

A tree in front of the residence of Mrs. J. B. Harrison, on North Jefferson Street, fell under the force of the wind and crashed against the side of the house, doing much damage outside and inside. A limb of the tree penetrated into a room occupied by Mrs. Harrison and children, knocking down the plastering and breaking the windows. The inmates were greatly frightened, of course, but fortunately not injured. The residence of R. F. Chambers, on Halifax Street, was also slightly damaged by the fall of a tree, and also several other buildings in the city. The gale was preceded by a heavy downpour of rain, and the wind at times was driven with such force as to shake dwellings and cause uneasiness.

**Funeral of George S. Bernard.**

The funeral of the late George S. Bernard took place this afternoon from St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was very largely attended. The impressive services were conducted by the rector, the Rev. E. P. Dandridge, A. P. Hill, Camp of Confederate Veterans, of which the deceased was past commander and since its organization a member, attended in a body, as did also the Bar Association of Petersburg, of which he was the president. The honorary pall-bearers, selected from the camp and the association, were the following: Captain John R. Patterson, Richard B. Davis, William B. McMillen, George Mason, Judge J. M. Mullen, David Lyon, John S. Beckwith, Dr. W. E. Harwood, Alexander Hamilton, W. R. McKenney, John D. Watkins, Robert Gilliam, Sr., and Sidney M. Green.

Active J. M. Townsend, Charles Hall Davis, Bernard Mann, Dr. John Mann, Herbert Rogers, Bartlett Roper, Jr., W. A. Worth and A. D. Hamilton. At the cemetery "taps" was sounded over the grave of as brave a soldier as Virginia ever sent to the field and as knightly and courtly a son as Virginia ever claimed.

**Y. M. C. A. Home.**

A banquet, at which representative citizens of Petersburg will be guests, will be given next Thursday night at the Stratford Hotel. The banquet will be provided by the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, with the view of having a full discussion of the movement to build and equip a modern Young Men's Christian Association home in this city, and plans for raising the funds for that purpose. The board has obligated itself to the young men of the community to endeavor to raise the necessary funds for a modern building, but in this endeavor the directors have been embarrassed on account of the failure to secure two or more large initial subscriptions, which seem necessary for the successful prosecution of a financial campaign.

Two eminent speakers will address the assemblage at the banquet—Dr. Charles E. Barker, private physician to President Taft, and A. D. Sutherland, of Nova Scotia, an expert in association work. At the close of the banquet an expression will be taken of the men present whether the enterprise should be further prosecuted.

The association has the nucleus of a fine library, owns a site on Washington Street, and has about \$12,000 in cash. The proposed new building, it is estimated, will cost about \$75,000.

**New Business Field.**  
The wholesale merchants of Petersburg have been invited to attend the meeting of the Citizens' Improvement League of Southampton county, to be held at Sedley on Saturday, and the probability is that many of the business men will be present or represented. The belief is that Petersburg's trade can be largely extended in that quarter.

**General News.**  
Among the decrees rendered by the Circuit Court of Chesterfield county at the recent term was one granting a divorce a mensa et thoro to Marie Grosman Lyon, Jr., of Chesterfield, from her husband, Benjamin Lyon, Jr. Argument on the exceptions taken to the roll of membership of the Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church as reported by Commissioner J. B. Prince and filed in the Hustings Court, has been concluded, and the case is now in the hands of Judge J. F. West, who presided in the case. Judge West is expected to render his decision in a few days.

Washington's birthday was quietly observed here. Banks and public buildings were closed, but general business was not suspended. A number of teas, suppers and entertainments marked the day.

This afternoon at 1 o'clock a flag presented by Virginia Dare Council, Daughters of Liberty, was raised over the public school building at Kenilworth, in Dinwiddie county.

At 3 o'clock a flag presented by Washington Council, J. O. U. A. M., was raised over the public school building at Swift Creek, Chesterfield. The address was delivered by T. Gray Haddon, of Richmond, and at both places interesting exercises were held by the school children.

**Several Buildings Wrecked.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Arvonia, Va., February 22.—A terrific wind storm, in the nature of a cyclone, swept a belt between here and New Canton, three miles away last night at 9 o'clock, creating destruction in its path. The dwelling house of Dutch Gorman, on the New Canton Road, was blown down, and the occupants—Gorman, his wife and a number of small children—barely escaped with their lives. Every building on the Thompson

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estate, with the exception of the dwelling, was blown down, and the live stock upon the place injured and killed. A building upon the McKenna property, with fences, was blown down, and hundreds of trees were uprooted in all directions through the woods. The telephone lines between this place and all points south were completely wrecked, and it is thought that it will require much time and expense to put the lines in order again.

**Barn Is Destroyed.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Alexandria, Va., February 22.—The windstorm last night razed the large barn on the dairy farm of P. P. Clark, Fairfax county, six miles south of Alexandria. There were forty cows in the barn, and several were injured. No other damage was done by the storm.

**Heavy Damage in New York.**  
New York, February 22.—The worst

windstorm New York has ever known, starting with a record-breaking blast of ninety-six miles an hour before daybreak, drew to a close to-night, with the wind still blowing fifty-two miles. From all sections of the city and suburbs and from river, harbor and high seas, came accounts of damage amounting to half a million of dollars. Reports of extensive losses by high winds up State and in New England were numerous. Wire service in all directions was badly crippled. Scores of buildings were unroofed by the gale, hundreds of heavy plate glass windows in the city were shattered, tall chimneys blown down, signs carried away, craft sunk, and pedestrians swept from their feet. Many persons were injured.

On the Long Island coast the storm raged furiously, and old sailors pronounced it the worst in thirty years.

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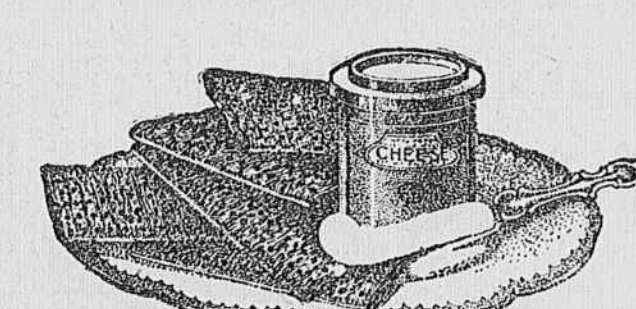
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## VESSELS BLOWN ASHORE BY STORM

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Phoebus were smashed, entailing a loss of \$1,000.

**Freight Cars Unroofed.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Gordonsville, Va., February 22.—The heaviest wind storm since the cyclone of September, 1896, visited Gordonsville on Wednesday night, uprooting trees, blowing down fences, besides unroofing several freight cars on the Chesapeake and Ohio yard. The storm was at its worst about 9 o'clock, with thunder and lightning and an unusually heavy downpour of rain.

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